



40 World Leaders Join Unity March in Paris

Front from the left, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, French President Francois Hollande, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, EU Council President Donald Tusk and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, proceed arm-in-arm in Paris, France, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015. (AP Photo/Michel Euler)

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French President Francois Hollande, left, comforts French columnist for Charlie Hebdo Patrick Pelloux as they take part with family members and relatives in a solidarity march in the streets of Paris, France, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015. A rally of defiance and sorrow, protected by an unparalleled level of security, on Sunday honored the 17 victims of three days of bloodshed in Paris that left France on alert for more violence.

(AP Photo/Philippe Wojazer, Pool)

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PARIS (AP) — Masses of people joined with world leaders to fill Paris streets Sunday in a rally for unity that officials said was the largest demonstration in French history. Hundreds of thousands more marched in cities around the country and the world to repudiate a three-day terror spree around the French capital that killed 17 people and left the three gunmen dead.

Their arms linked, more than 40 world leaders headed the somber procession — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas; Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov — setting aside their differences for a demonstration that French President Francois Hollande said turned the city into “the capital of the world.” Millions of people streamed through the streets behind them and across France to

mourn the victims of deadly attacks on a satirical newspaper, a kosher supermarket and police officers — violence that tore deep into the nation's sense of wellbeing in a way some compared to Sept. 11 in the United States.

“Our entire country will rise up toward something better,” Hollande said. Details of the attacks continued to emerge, with new video showing one of the gunmen pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group and detailing how the attacks were going to unfold. That gunman, Amedy Coulibaly, was also linked to a new shooting, two days after he and the brothers behind a massacre at satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo were killed in nearly simultaneous police raids.

The attacks tested France's proud commitment to its liberties — liberties that authorities may now curtail to ensure greater security. Marchers recognized this as a watershed moment. “It's a different world to-

day,” said Michel Thiebault, 70.

Illustrating his point, crowds cheered police vans as they wove through the crowds Sunday — a rare sight at the many demonstrations that Parisians have staged throughout their rebellious history, when protesters and police are often at odds.

Many shed the aloof attitude Parisians are famous

for, helping strangers with directions, cheering and crying together. Sad and angry but fiercely defending their freedom of expression, the marchers mourned the dead and brandished pens and flags from around the world.

Giant rallies were held throughout France and major cities around the world, including London, Madrid and New York —

all attacked by al-Qaida-linked extremists — as well as Cairo, Sydney, Stockholm, Tokyo and elsewhere. In Paris, the Interior Ministry said, “the size of this unprecedented demonstration makes it impossible to provide a specific count,” noting that the crowds were too big to fit on the official march route and spread out into other streets. □

Deciphering Obama's chemistry with Congress - or lack of it



President Barack Obama meets with Congressional leaders in the Old Family Dining Room of the White House in Washington. From left are, House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky. He hardly ever calls. When he does, it's all business. That's President Barack Obama's vibe with top Democrats on Capitol Hill. With Republicans, there's even less chemistry. GOP congressional leaders don't show much inclination to buddy up to the president, either.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

When President Barack Obama sits down with eight top legislators — four from each major political party — at the White House on Tuesday, there's little expectation it will bring a new era of cooperation.

Republican leaders are already upset with the president for his recent veto threats and go-it-alone policy moves. Democratic leaders, now in the minority party in both chambers, will find themselves less relevant.

The White House dismisses any idea that the meeting is the start of a new congressional charm offensive. Although Obama was a senator for four years before he became president, he never has had a strong rapport with members of Congress.

Legislators from both parties have grumbled for years that the Obama White House doesn't reach out to them much or even pay enough attention to small gestures such as Christmas cards.

Occasional attempts by the White House to change that dynamic, by inviting key legislators to dinners or the like, typically have faded fast.

Obama's first golf game with House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, came about only after the president had been asked repeatedly why he hadn't invited a fellow lover of the game to tee off. The outing was never repeated.

Last week, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, John Cornyn, told a home state newspaper he never had gotten a call from the president, "which is kind of amazing to me."

Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell took it as an insult when the White House issued veto threats just as lawmakers were taking the oath of office for the new Congress. "He could have waited a few hours," the speaker said.

While Obama has a "rock-solid" relationship with Senate Democratic leader

Harry Reid, Jim Manley, a former aide, says even they aren't particularly friendly.

"Everybody jokes about Reid and his nasty habit of hanging up the phone as soon as he's done with his end of the conversation, but the president's not much better," Manley says. "There's not a lot of idle chitchat."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest dismisses the intense interest in Obama's chemistry with congressional leaders. "We're focused a little less on sort of the charm and more on the substance," he says.

Trust and good will lubricate the legislative process and any negotiations between the Capitol and the White House. It's possible to do a deal without them, but it's a lot harder.

Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in the House, credits Obama for going overboard to try to build positive ties with Republicans.

"The president has always extended the hand of friendship," she says. "Some say too much."

But Cornyn describes Obama as "so detached and disengaged and apparently disinterested in doing the grind work that goes along with passing legislation that it would be hard to do anything."

It's always nice to get along, but voices from both Congress and the White House caution against attaching too much importance to the idea.

"People read way too much into personalities and all that stuff," says Sen. Bob Corker. "Despite what the American people think, there are a good many adults up here that understand that regardless of how you may feel personally about a situation, we have a job to do." □



Suspect arrested after 3 killed in Idaho shooting spree

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Investigators are probing the background of a suspect in a shooting spree in Moscow, Idaho, that left three people dead and another critically wounded. John Lee, 29, was arrested following a high-speed chase in nearby Washington state after the shootings Saturday. Police believe he opened fire at three locations in the western Idaho city of Moscow, killing his landlord, his adoptive mother and a manager at a restaurant his parents frequented. A Seattle man was also critically injured.

Investigators searched Lee's car and apartment late Saturday night, Moscow Police Chief David Duke said. They found two semi-automatic pistols, a revolver, a shotgun and a rifle in the vehicle, along with a laptop, he said. Ballistics tests were expected to help determine which weapons might have been used in the shootings.

Authorities were seeking a warrant to search the computer, he said. "There's still nothing to identify a specific motive as to why Mr. Lee took these actions," Duke said. The first death was that of Lee's adoptive mother, Terri Grzebielski, 61, at her home. Police said Lee then headed to Northwest Mutual life insurance, where

he shot his landlord, David Trail, 76, who was a local businessman and the brother of a former state representative, as well as Michael Chin, 39, of Seattle.

Duke said Chin had no link to Lee, but he was discussing business with Trail when the gunman arrived. Duke said Chin was shot in the arm and leg. Duke said Sunday that Chin was flown to a hospital in Spokane for treatment.

There were "some issues" regarding Lee's apartment, Duke said, but no eviction proceedings that police were aware of.

Upon leaving the insurance office, the shooter drove to an Arby's restaurant and asked for the manager. When she appeared, he pulled out a gun and opened fire. The manager, Belinda Niebuhr, 47, died at the Moscow hospital.

Duke told The Associated Press that Lee's parents ate



Police officers talk outside while emergency medical technicians aid one of the shooting victims in Moscow, Idaho, on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. Police say a gunman killed three people and critically wounded another during a spree at three locations in Moscow, Idaho.

(AP Photo/Moscow-Pullman Daily News, Geoff Crimmins)

at the restaurant and knew the manager well, but it's not clear whether Lee did as well. He did not work at

the restaurant as far as police knew, Duke said.

Kelsey Stemrich said she was working at a cafe near

Arby's when she and a customer heard three gunshots and then saw people running from the restaurant. She says they took down the license-plate number of a car seen pulling away from the Arby's and called it into police.

Police in Washington state spotted the suspect's black Honda, and a chase involving multiple agencies ensued. Pullman Police Chief Gary Jenkins said the pursuit lasted nearly 25 miles (40 kilometers), and Lee's vehicle at times topped 100 mph (160 kph) before crashing and rolling to a stop.

Few details were available on Lee's background. Duke said he had been adopted at birth, and he recently returned to Moscow after living for a few years in the Midwest.

Lee was taken to a hospital in Colfax, Washington state, for treatment of minor injuries before he was booked into a local jail. □

Zimmerman is charged with assault in Florida

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George Zimmerman, who was acquitted less than two years ago in the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager, was arrested in Florida this weekend and charged with aggravated assault, officials said. Zimmerman, 31, was accused of throwing a wine

bottle at a woman at his home earlier in the week, according to the police in Lake Mary, Florida.


During a court appearance, a Seminole County judge set bond for Zimmerman at \$5,000 and ordered him to have no contact with the woman, who was not identified in court. Zimmerman was also ordered

to surrender any firearms he may possess by Tuesday. He posted bond and was released from jail. His next court date was set for Feb. 17.


Zimmerman was arrested at his home in Lake Mary, a community near Sanford, where he shot and killed the unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin, in February

2012. He was booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility in Sanford around 9:45 p.m. Friday, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.


A lawyer for Zimmerman, Don West, told reporters that Zimmerman was accused of throwing a wine bottle "in the direction of this person." □



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Judge could rule in dispute over King's Bible, Nobel medal



In this 2006 photo, the children of Martin Luther King Jr., and Coretta Scott King, left to right, Dexter Scott King, Rev. Bernice King, Martin Luther King III and Yolanda King are seen together in Atlanta. A judge in Atlanta is set to hear motions Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, in the legal dispute that pits Martin Luther King Jr.'s two sons against his daughter Bernice in a dispute over two of his most cherished items.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

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ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s traveling Bible hasn't gone on regular display since President Barack Obama used it while taking his second oath of office two years ago. The public hasn't seen the slain civil rights icon's 1964 Nobel Peace Prize medal in recent years, ei-

ther.

Both relics reside in a safe deposit box, the keys held since March by an Atlanta judge presiding over the latest — and in many eyes, the ugliest — fight between King's heirs.

The Estate of Martin Luther King Jr. Inc., which is controlled by Martin Luther King III and his younger brother, Dexter Scott King, asked a

judge a year ago to order their sister Bernice to turn over their father's Nobel medal and traveling Bible. The brothers want to sell them to a private buyer.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney could decide the case at a hearing Tuesday or let it go to trial. He said when he ordered Bernice to hand over the Bible and

medal to the court's custody that it appeared likely the estate will win the case. This is at least the fifth lawsuit between the siblings in the past decade, but this one crosses the line, Bernice argued in February from the pulpit of historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where her father and grandfather preached. Her father cherished these two items, which speak to the very core of who he was, she said.

The Rev. Timothy McDonald, who served as assistant pastor at Ebenezer from 1978 to 1984 and sides with Bernice but describes himself as a friend of the whole family, told The Associated Press: "You don't sell Bibles and you don't get but one Nobel Peace Prize.

There are some items that you just don't put a price on."

The estate's lawyers have not responded to requests for comment from the King brothers. At a hearing last year, a lawyer who represented the estate at the time said they want to sell the two items because the estate needs the money.

Paying lawyers to enforce the rights to King's words and image is expensive, attorney William Hill reminded the judge, drawing chuckles. The estate is a private entity, so its finances aren't public, and court records don't elaborate on the estate's need for cash.

Whether to sell the Bible and the medal is not up to the judge, or even part of the lawsuit, which is purely an ownership dispute.

Lawyers for Bernice have argued, among other things, that King gave the Nobel medal to his wife as a gift, meaning that it is part of Coretta Scott King's estate. Bernice is the ad-

ministratrix of her mother's estate.

King's heirs have previously parted with parts of his legacy. They sold a collection of more than 10,000 of his personal papers and books in 2006 for \$32 million, a collection now housed at Morehouse College, King's alma mater.

Two separate appraisers, Leila Dunbar and Clive Howe, told the AP they would expect the medal to sell for about \$5 million to \$10 million, and possibly more, based on what other Nobel medals have gone for and King's place in history. Dunbar said she would expect the Bible to sell for at least \$200,000 and possibly more than \$400,000. Howe said it would probably go for about \$1 million.

If they are sold through a private sale, which can bring substantially higher sums from buyers who want to secure items before they get to auction, the medal alone could fetch \$15 million to \$20 million, Howe said. Both items have enormous societal value and should be on public display, said Barbara Andrews, director of education and interpretation at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. The Bible is important because of who King was, and the Nobel Peace Prize because of what it signified — that the fight for civil rights was being recognized on a world stage, she said. While museums and books can talk about the medal, being able to see it renders it tangible, "more than a photograph, more than us just talking or writing about it," Andrews said. Even in the hands of Bernice, though, neither item has regularly been available to the public. □

Holder:

Decision on Petraeus to come from 'highest level'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder isn't saying whether he still will be on the job when the time comes to decide whether to bring charges in the investigation of former CIA Director David Petraeus.

Holder, in several television news interviews on Sunday, steered clear of commenting directly on the investigation.

But he told CBS' "Face the Nation" that he expects that "a matter of this mag-

nitude" would be decided "at the highest level" of the department.

Holder has announced he's stepping down as attorney general. President Barack Obama has nominated a federal prosecutor, Loretta Lynch, who awaits Senate confirmation to the Cabinet post.

Federal investigators have been looking into whether Petraeus improperly shared classified materials with his biographer, Paula Broadwell.

Petraeus admitted having an affair with her when he resigned from the CIA in 2012. Holder said on ABC's "This Week" that "any investigation that is ongoing will be done in a fair and an appropriate way."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the former head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, urged the government to take a pass.

"This man has suffered enough, in my view," Feinstein told CNN's "State of the Union." □

US Financial Front:

Job growth fails to help boost paychecks



Job seekers fill out a job applications at a Bed Bath and Beyond table at a job fair in Miami Lakes, Fla. The nation's economy is entering 2015 in its best shape since the recession, but the improving job market has so far failed to help most Americans earn significantly more at work.

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The nation's economy is entering 2015 in its best shape since the recession, but the improving job market has so far failed to help most Americans earn significantly more at work.

On Friday, the Labor Department reported that employers added 252,000 workers to their payrolls in December, capping a year in which total employment rose by 2.95 million, the largest advance since 1999.

The unemployment rate also improved, edging down last month to 5.6 percent from 5.8 percent in November. The rate plunged just over a full percentage point between 2013 and 2014, the largest decline since 1984.

But a drop in average hourly earnings last month, after a healthy gain in November, sidetracked hopes that a tighter labor market was beginning to lead to broader wage gains.

"The rising tide of this economic wind at our back has to lift more boats," Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez said in a telephone interview. The nation's wage situation, he said, is a crucial part of the "unfinished business" of the nation's economic recovery, which began around the middle of 2009.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial, said the decline in wages

came despite December gains in construction and health care jobs and other jobs that typically offered good salaries.

"This is still a buyer's market in terms of labor," she said. "For all the good news on unemployment and the number of jobs we've created, if these wage numbers are to be believed, employers still have their pick." For the Federal Reserve, the mixed message from the jobs reports makes the timing of its first interest rate increase in years more problematic. Robust job growth and the lowest unemployment rate since June 2008 suggest a rapidly improving economy, possibly persuading the Fed that it should move sooner rather than later to raise rates to lessen the risk of speculative bubbles or future inflation.

"If the activity data continue to improve, as we expect," Paul Dales, a senior economist for Capital Economics, said in a note to clients, "then the Fed may not wait for wage growth to rise and could still raise rates as soon as March."

Yet as long as wages lag and ordinary Americans are not enjoying much of the fruits of an improving economy, the Fed should stand pat, many economists say.

"The economy clearly has no wage or price pressures that would point towards an early liftoff on interest

rates," Jared Bernstein, senior fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, wrote in a blog post.

William Spriggs, chief economist for the AFL-CIO, said he worried that the Fed would raise interest rates too soon, hurting small businesses that could hire more workers as long as they maintained ready access to low-interest loans.

"We need a financial environment where that can take place," he said. Still, economic prospects are clearly improving. Even in the absence of better wage gains, declining oil prices may help bolster purchasing power. One economist likened the lower prices to the equivalent of

a pay raise of about \$1,000 a person for the year, if prices stay low.

The drop in oil prices represents a substantial transfer of income from oil producers to oil consumers, said Kevin Logan, a chief economist for HSBC Bank. While some U.S. oil producers are shutting unprofitable rigs and planning job cuts that could damage oil- and shale-producing regions like Louisiana and North Dakota, the overall economic effect for the nation is positive.

"Every dollar gained is a dollar lost, but the benefits are widespread and the losses are concentrated and will be small," Logan said.

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Some Facts to Turn Your New Year's Resolutions Into Action

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Despite the best intentions for the new year, the reality is that by next month, gym memberships will lapse, chocolate will replace carrots and "Candy Crush" will edge out "Moby Dick." It's not (only) that we're undisciplined slugs. It's that much of what we know - or think we know - about habits is wrong. So here's a primer that might help keep you off the couch and on the treadmill longer.

-Myth 1: We fail to change our habits - or start good new ones - because we lack willpower.

Not really, said Wendy Wood, a professor of psychology and business at the University of Southern California. Willpower, she said, is more about looking at those yummy chocolate chip cookies and refusing them. A good habit ensures you're rarely around those chocolate chip cookies in the first place.

To create or change a habit, you have to think much more about altering your environment and patterns of living than work on steeling your mind, Wood said, because "behavior is very much a product of environment."

Habits - at least good ones - exist so we don't have to resist temptation all the time. Imagine if every morning you had a debate with yourself about eating cake or cereal for breakfast. Instead, most of us form the habit of eating something relatively healthy for breakfast, which bypasses the lure of the cake altogether. That's why it's sometimes easiest to start or break a habit during a major transition. This may sound counterintuitive, but a new house, job or relationship breaks old patterns, said Gretchen Rubin, author of the forthcoming book "Better than Before: Mastering

the Habits of Our Everyday Lives."

"People say wait a few days to get settled, but don't," she said. "Start right away."

-Myth 2: We fall back on bad habits when stressed.

In fact, good habits persist even in times of high anxiety, Wood said. A study of which Wood was a co-author found students who had unhealthy diets would eat junk food when stressed out, but those who had the habit of eating well - or of reading a newspaper or of going to the gym - were just as likely to do that before a final exam.

-Myth 3: It takes about 21 days to break or make a habit.

That number seems to have cropped up in the 1960s and somehow became "fact" with no real proof. But in 2009, researchers in Britain decided to take a deeper look by studying how long it took participants to learn new habits, such as eating fruit daily or going jogging. The average was 66 days before the behavior became more or less automatic. But individuals' times varied greatly, from 18 days to 245 days, depending on temperament and, of course, the task involved. It will most likely take far less time to get into the habit of eating an apple every afternoon than of practicing the piano for an hour a day.

-Myth 4: You need positive thinking to break or make a habit.

"We find positive fantasy is not helpful and may even be hurtful when trying to reach a desired future or fulfill a wish," said Gabriele Oettingen, a professor of psychology at New York University and the University of Hamburg.



Wendy Wood, a professor of psychology and business at the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles, Jan. 7, 2015. Wood's research into the formation and breaking of habits points to the importance of changing one's surroundings to ensure a positive result. "Behavior is very much a product of environment," Wood said. (J. Emilio Flores/The New York Times)

Over years of research, she discovered that people need to pair optimistic daydreams about the future with identifying and imagining the obstacles that prevent them from reaching that goal - something she calls mental contrasting. Say you want to stop being a procrastinator. The first step is easy. Imagine how it will feel if your work is completed with plenty of time to spare, if you can sleep instead of pulling an all-nighter, said Oettingen, author of "Rethinking Positive Thinking." But don't just resolve to stop procrastinating. The second step is to identify what holds you back from changing yourself. Is it fear that you won't succeed? Is it the adrenaline rush of frantically working at the last minute? Is it because of negative feelings toward a boss or teacher? The mental contrasting needs to be in the right order. It's important to "experience our dreams, then switch gears and mentally

face reality," Oettingen said.

Doing it the opposite way - imagining the obstacles and then fantasizing about changing habits - doesn't seem to work as well, research shows.

-Myth 5: Doing things by rote, or habit, isn't good in most cases. It's better to be mindful of everything we do.

Research shows that most people repeat about 40 percent of their activities almost every day.

"We only have so much room in our brain," said Ian Newby-Clark, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Guelph in Canada. "It would be incredibly taxing if we had to mindfully plan every step of our day." Habits free us up so we can think about other things.

And while there are objectively bad habits - smoking, say, or being consistently late - most are subjective. "Habits are only good or bad to the extent they're consistent or inconsistent with your goals," Wood of USC said. It's a bad habit when "it starts interfering with other goals you have." For example, many people said their resolution this year was to cut down the time they spend on online. But why? Because it's an inherently bad thing to do? Or is it an obstacle to spending more time reading books or riding a bike or learning to knit? After thinking about it, you may choose to spend less time on your computer or phone. Or you might decide it's not so terrible in limited doses and shed the habit of feeling guilty about it.

-Myth 6: Everything in moderation.

"There's a real difference among people about how easily they adapt to hab-

its," Rubin said. Some see habits as liberating; some see them as a trap. Some prefer to make a huge change all at once; others proceed step by step.

"I'm in the small minority that loves habits," Rubin said, adding that she tends to find it easier to abstain from certain things altogether. For example, she eats no carbohydrates.

"People said I was doomed to failure, but it's not true," she said. But, she noted, "it's a mistake to think the abstainer is more disciplined. For me it's easier to be an abstainer than have to deliberate each time whether I can eat something or not. Others would go nuts if they abstain."

That's why you shouldn't listen to people who tell you you're doing it wrong if it works for you, she said.

Also, people shouldn't fear that their habit will dissolve if they don't practice it daily.

"If you lapse once or twice, you're not ruined," Wood said. "That's a misconception."

And that leads to ...

-Myth 7: Shame and guilt keep you on track.

No, people need to be kinder to themselves, showing self-compassion if they lapse, Rubin said. But it's a fine balance between treating yourself kindly and making endless rationalizations and excuses.

"I might mindfully make an exception," she said, such as choosing to eat a traditional Christmas cake every year. "But I'm not making excuses in the moment: I'll hurt the hostesses' feelings. You only live once. It's the holidays."

One last piece of advice: If you want to be in better shape, get a dog. Wood said studies show those who own dogs have lower body mass indexes. But here's the catch: That's only true if you walk the animal. □



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Kerry in India to talk trade, pave way for Obama's visit



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend the Vibrant Gujarat summit in Gandhinagar, India, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015. Kerry is in India to attend an international investment conference and push trade ties with the giant South Asian nation ahead of visit by President Barack Obama later this month.

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AHMEDABAD, India - Secretary of State John Kerry met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday to promote economic ties with India and set the stage for President Barack Obama's visit later this month.

"The goal is to have very concrete and tangible things that we can show forward movement on when President Obama and Prime Minister Modi meet, including on climate change," a senior State Department official told reporters.

Obama is planning to attend India's Republic Day celebrations on Jan. 26. It is the first time that a U.S. president has been invited to the event as the nation's chief guest.

Negotiations between In-

dia and the United States on issues like climate change, an agreement on civilian nuclear plants, military purchases, and investment and manufacturing rules have quickened in recent weeks because of Obama's coming visit. But it remains to be seen whether the president's trip will be mainly symbolic or if it will lead to significant agreements.

Earlier in the day, Kerry participated in an investment conference in Modi's home state, Gujarat, which was attended by foreign officials, business leaders and international dignitaries like Ban Ki-moon, the secretary-general of the United Nations, and Jim Yong Kim, the president of the World Bank.

India's leaders are eager for more foreign investment to energize the na-

tion's moribund economy, and the conference was devised to showcase a state where foreign investment has been welcomed in the past 10 years.

When Modi led Gujarat as chief minister, he was able to smooth the way for foreign investors by speeding the bureaucratic decision-making process. Now that he is prime minister, he must rely more on legislative fixes. And despite having a large majority in the lower house of parliament, Modi has yet to deliver many of the promised reforms that investors are seeking.

"We're trying to complete the circle of economic reforms speedily," Modi told the conference attendees.

"We are planning to take a quantum leap."

Attracted by India's population of more than 1.2 billion people and Modi's talk of economic reform, representatives of foreign governments took turns proclaiming their determination to expand economic relations with India.

"Japan and India complete each other," said Yosuke Takagi, Japan's economic minister.

During his presentation

to the investment conference, Kerry underscored that the United States wanted to increase trade with India to \$500 billion a year, a significant leap from \$97 billion in 2013.

"We can do more together, and we must do more together, and we have to do it faster," Kerry said.

U.S. companies, however, have faced considerable challenges to expanding their business here, including caps on foreign investment, disputes over intellectual property and provisions that have hampered nuclear energy projects. □



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Searchers hone in on black boxes from AirAsia plane

ACHMAD IBRAHIM

Associated Press

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — While Indonesia's navy said divers had not yet found the black boxes from the AirAsia plane that crashed into the Java Sea two weeks ago, searchers on Sunday honed in on intense pings detected amid a growing belief that the devices will soon be recovered.

Three Indonesian ships detected the signals, said Indroyono Soesilo, coordinating minister for Maritime Affairs. They were located around 3.5 kilometers (2 miles) from where the aircraft's rear was discovered. "The two are close to each other, just about 20 meters (yards)," Soesilo told reporters. "Hopefully, they are the cockpit voice recorder

and flight data recorder."

Officials said earlier Sunday that two separate pings had been detected.

Tonny Budiono, team coordinator at the Directorate of Sea Transportation, said in a statement that the signals were intense in one area, and that the recorders were believed to be lodged there beneath wreckage. If divers are unable to free it, all of the debris will be lifted, the statement said.

Other officials cautioned it was too soon to know whether the sounds were coming from the black boxes, which detached from the tail when the plane plummeted into the sea Dec. 28, killing all 162 people on board. The recorders are key to understanding what caused the



Crew members of Crest Onyx ship prepare to unload parts of AirAsia Flight 8501 from a ship at Kumai port in Pangkalan Bun, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015. A day after the tail of the crashed AirAsia plane was fished out of the Java Sea, the search for the missing black boxes intensified Sunday with more pings heard.
(AP Photo/Achmad Ibrahim)

aircraft to go down. "Until now, I have not yet received reports that the black boxes have been discovered," said Henry Bambang Soelistyo, chief of Indonesia's search and rescue agency. "There are signals, or pings, which are

suspected to be from the black boxes."

Navy spokesman Manahan Simorangkir said divers had not yet found the devices.

The Commission for Transportation Safety stopped a remote-operated vehicle

from being deployed to probe the area where the pings were heard, fearing it could potentially cause damage to the boxes, said Muhammad Ilyas, head of oceanic surveys at Indonesia's technology agency. Instead, the sites were to be examined by divers.

In addition, sonar on Sunday detected a large object in the same vicinity as the pings. Officials initially were hopeful it was the main section of the Airbus A320's cabin, but Soelistyo said divers confirmed it was instead a wing and debris from the engine.

Search efforts have been consistently hampered by big waves and powerful currents created by the region's rainy season. Silt and sand, along with murky river runoff, have created blinding conditions for divers.

While the cause of the crash is not yet known, bad weather is believed to have been a factor. □

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Shanghai nixes famed lantern festival

BEIJING (AP) — China's financial hub of Shanghai said Sunday it was canceling its famed Lunar New Year lantern festival in the wake of a stampede that left 36 people dead.

The announcement illustrates the spreading effects of the Jan. 1 disaster, in which surging crowds trampled people along the city's legendary Bund riverfront walkway.

Events as far away as in Beijing have been canceled and security tightened in subway stations and other crowded public spaces. The upcoming three-day festival in the city's Yuyuan Garden, a warren of narrow alleys and ancient

buildings in the heart of the ancient walled Chinese city, drew more than 1.3 million people in 2013.

The lantern festival comes on the 15th day of the Lunar New Year marking the close of the annual festivities.

The festivities typically draw massive, sometimes unruly crowds and in 2004, 37 people were killed in a stampede in the Beijing suburb of Miyun.

The company that runs the Yuyuan Garden and the Shanghai city government said in separate statements that the event was being canceled out of "safety concerns."

Neither directly mentioned

the stampede, pointing to official worries over continuing public outrage over security lapses and a lack of government explanations.

Authorities allowed only one day of tightly-controlled public mourning at the site, which has since been fenced off on the pretext of making aesthetic improvements.

Some victims' family members and others have reported being followed and harassed by security personnel, a typical tactic by authorities who tolerate little criticism and fear any chance of unrest coalescing around sympathy for those killed. □



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Venezuela, Saudi leaders meet and talk oil prices in Riyadh



Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, right, talks with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015.

(AP Photo/SPA)

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro met Sunday with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Salman, a day after talks with Iran's supreme leader focused on the slump in global oil prices.

The official Saudi Press Agency reported that the leaders discussed areas of cooperation between the two OPEC-member countries and ways to promote bilateral ties. The brief statement did not elaborate, though it said Saudi

Oil Minister Ali Naimi and Venezuelan Oil Minister Asdrubal Chavez were also at the meeting.

Oil prices have plunged more than 55 percent since June to less than \$50 a barrel, placing a severe strain on Venezuela and other oil-producing countries like Iran. Saudi Arabia has strong financial reserves to weather lower oil prices, but Venezuela's cash-strapped govern-

ment is among the cartel's most vulnerable. Analysts estimate that Venezuela needs oil at \$110 per barrel to continue meeting its budgetary obligations.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest oil producer, has refused to cut production despite willingness to do so by Venezuela and others. Saudi Arabia's oil minister has argued that curbing production would erode the kingdom's market

share and would have no impact on oil prices.

A recent Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research report said that physical oil supply is still outpacing demand, setting the stage for a further slide in prices in the first quarter of 2015. The report said there is a growing risk of U.S. crude prices moving below \$35 a barrel in the near term and Brent crude to \$40 a barrel.

Official: Islamic State group battle in Iraq kills 30 Kurds

SINAN SALAHEDDIN
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Islamic State group fighters attempting to retake a town in northern Iraq held by Kurdish peshmerga forces have killed at least 30 Kurds, an Iraqi military spokesman said Sunday. The battle for the town of Gwer demonstrates the Islamic State group's ability to still launch offensives in Iraq, despite a monthslong campaign of airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition. And while an alliance of Iraqi troops, Kurdish fighters and Sunni and Shiite militiamen have made some gains, their advance remains tenuous at best.

The fighting began Saturday as the extremists approached Gwer, just outside of the northern city of

Mosul, which the Islamic State group controls, said Halgurd Hekmat, a spokesman for Iraqi Kurdish forces in Irbil. Hekmat said he had no information about casualties suffered by the Islamic State group.

Backed by U.S.-led airstrikes, Kurdish forces retook Gwer in August after the Islamic State group's offensive saw it seize a wide swath of Iraq. Kurdish fighters from Iraq also have deployed in small numbers to help Syrian Kurds battle the group's fighters in the Syrian border town of Kobani.

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5 years after quake, struggling Haiti moves forward

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Before the earth shook and turned their lives upside down, Rosena Dordor was like millions of poor Haitians, living with her family in a cramped home with no running water or sanitation, struggling to get by and fearing the next rent increase would force them out.

Today, nearly five years after the devastating 7.0 earthquake, Dordor has a new place to live with her husband and five children: a one-room shack with a plastic tarp for a roof and walls made of scrap metal and salvaged wood. It's perched on a cactus- and scrub-covered hillside, a long walk from the nearest source of water, and meals are cooked over fire pits.

Life is still a struggle in Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, but Dordor's new settlement does offer a measure of freedom because there is no landlord for her family or for the tens of thousands of other homesteaders who rushed to stake a claim in arid hills after the government expropriated a barren zone of 18,500 acres (7,500 hectares) just north of Port-au-Prince following the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake.

"We love this place because we have made it our home with our own hands and hearts," Dordor said on a recent morning while shucking castor beans for a hair product she sells to neighbors. The area was initially only meant to house those stuck in tent shelters considered most at risk for

floods or landslides, but it is growing so fast that U.S. State Department officials say the settlement could soon be considered Haiti's second largest city.

quake killed an estimated 300,000 people, damaged or destroyed more than 300,000 buildings in densely packed Port-au-Prince and largely obliterated the gov-

Several new hotels have opened, including known brands such as Best Western for the first time in decades. Direct foreign investment in Haiti reached \$250 million

by mid-2015. The police force is being professionalized while growing from about 8,000 officers to roughly 12,000.

Yet the recovery has been uneven at best, plagued by poor planning and accusations of graft. And a worsening political standoff is one sign that progress since the disaster is tenuous.

President Michel Martelly, a former pop star who took office in May 2011, has been embroiled in a stalemate with lawmakers over parliamentary elections, delayed for over three years. Many fear a failure to resolve the gridlock could plunge the country back into familiar chaos.

Critics, meanwhile, say the construction of new slums is not an answer to Haiti's many problems.

"If the international community wants to pat itself on the back for building new Haitian shantytowns, with the collusion of the Martelly government, fine.

I don't see evidence of sustainable change for the better," Amy Wilentz, author of "Farewell, Fred Voodoo: A Letter from Haiti," and other works about the Caribbean nation, said via email. Many poor Haitians say their lives have been complicated by a rising cost of living and lack of jobs, and they put the blame squarely on the government for failing to create opportunities.

"I love my country but it's still struggling thanks to our politicians," said Genyca Wilhelm, a former math teacher who hopes to find work by training to be a car mechanic. □



Rosena Dordor, 40, stands in front of her one-room shack in the arid hills north of the Capital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Jan. 9, 2014. Today, nearly five years after the devastating 7.0 earthquake that shook Haiti, Dordor lives with her husband and three children in a one-room shack with a plastic tarp for a roof and walls made of scrap metal and salvaged wood. It's perched on a cactus- and scrub-covered hillside, a long walk from the nearest source of water, and meals are cooked over fire pits.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

The country's complicated housing problems are perhaps the biggest drag on an uneven recovery that has nonetheless improved the lives of many poor Haitians, who say they prefer their living situations now compared to before the quake.

The disaster prompted a huge influx of international assistance, with governments and aid groups arriving to offer both immediate help and long-term development.

One of the worst natural disasters of modern times, the

ernment, toppling nearly all ministry buildings. Prisons and police stations crumbled into ruins.

Officials repeatedly said they would be "building back better," and in many ways they have made progress toward that goal. The two-lane highway running nearly 100 miles from Port-au-Prince to Gonaives is a smooth river of asphalt, not the bone-jarring, off-road experience it was before the quake.

There's a new international airport in Cap-Haitien, and hundreds of new schools.

last year, up from \$4 million in 2001, according to the government.

Today, work crews in downtown Port-au-Prince are raising frames for new government offices.

The rubble of the national palace has been removed. The wrecked historic Iron Market was rebuilt by Haiti's biggest employer, mobile phone company Digicel. The grim camps and shantytowns that once sheltered some 1.5 million people now hold about 80,000, and the government says they will all be moved out



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of White Modern Cuisine, Kitchen Table boasts that same attention to detail that made his first venture such a success, along with a vibrant, passionate staff dedicated to the concept of elevating traditional Aruban and Caribbean dishes

to the realm of haute cuisine.

"Aruba has more than its share of French/Italian/fast food restaurants and steakhouses," observes Chef Urvin, "but I honestly believe that island visitors are looking for a distinctive experience, not something they can have at home any time. During their stay, they wish to savor the authentic flavors of the region, and we have sought out fresh, locally grown ingredients and interpreted traditional island dishes in a manner to surprise and please the most finicky critic."

Urvin and his team are all graduates of Aruba's highly-respected EPI Culinary

Institute. He continued his studies at the ROC Gild-evaart College, Nieuwegein, then apprenticed at the Brasserie Goeie Luisa, advancing to become their Chef de Partie.

Urvin further developed his culinary skills during five years at the famed Michelin 5* rated Grand Restaurant Karel V, perfectly his art before returning to Aruba to open his own eatery.

Second in command, Sous Chef Ludovico Henriquez, and the Kitchen Table



staff, consisting of Claude Werleman, Moises Ramirez and Jefferson Ramirez, are equally passionate about the concept of food as art. Watching them create the spectacular dishes in the elegant but cozy surroundings is a great part of the evening's entertainment. The multi-course meal is a feast for the eyes as well as the tastebuds; the inventive uses of just-picked regional flowers and herbs such as frangipani, moringa, mata di seda and koko robona are explained, so diners can truly comprehend the careful thought and preparation that goes into each dish.

Rounding out the Kitchen Table culinary team is Restaurant Manager and Wine Sommelier Carlito Castillo, who thoroughly enjoys sharing his love of fine vintages and has a deft touch at pairing them to perfec-

tion. His enthusiasm for the delicate art of enhancing the flavors of both the wine and food with an ideal match is as infectious as his ready smile and congenial charm. He spent ten years in the kitchens of the Royal Caribbean cruise lines, where as a novice to the food service industry he discovered their wine cellars. His passion for the art won him first place among over 1500 employees during a stringent wine testing contest among all the line's culinary staffers.

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Packers rally to beat Cowboys 26-21

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) catches a pass against Green Bay Packers cornerback Sam Shields (37) during the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Green Bay, Wis. The play was reversed. The Packers won 26-21.

Associated Press

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer
GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP)

— Hobbled but happy, Aaron Rodgers might have felt a bit lucky, too.

No matter: The All-Pro quarterback and his Green Bay Packers are one step away from the Super Bowl.

More stationary than usual because of a left calf injury, Rodgers rallied the Packers

from an 8-point deficit with two second-half touchdowns passes to beat Dallas 26-21 Sunday.

The Packers (13-4), helped immensely by a video reversal with 4:06 remaining, went undefeated at Lambeau Field this season. They head to Seattle next weekend for the NFC title game. The Seahawks (13-4) beat Green Bay in the season

opener, 36-16.

"I think I got 120 minutes left in me," Rodgers said.

Green Bay might not have had any time left in its season if not for referee Gene Steratore's decision. Dez Bryant's leaping, bobbling 31-yard catch at the Packers 1 on a fourth-and-2 play was challenged by Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy. Instead of first-and-goal for

Dallas (13-5), the ball went over to the Packers.

"Some people think throwing the red flag is fun," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "It was such an impactful play, you had to challenge. It was a confident challenge. And a hopeful one, too." One packed with controversy, as well.

"Look, I'll tell you this, I've

never seen that a day in my life," Bryant said. "I want to know why it wasn't a catch." Because Bryant didn't maintain control all the way to the ground, as the rule states. Replays showed Bryant bobbling the ball as he rolled into the end zone, with part of it touching the field.

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Luck leads Colts to upset Broncos 24-13

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER (AP) - Andrew Luck has his signature NFL win, and it came against his predecessor, at that.

Hardly pressured all afternoon, Luck threw two touchdown passes and led the Indianapolis Colts past Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos 24-13 Sunday.

The Colts (13-5) advanced to the AFC championship game at New England (13-4), which beat Baltimore 35-31 Saturday night.

"I think we're playing good team ball," Luck said. "We're feeding off each other. Offensively we're making enough plays to put some points on the board. Great night. So proud to be a part of the Colts in this victory."

The Broncos (12-5) are left to deal with the hangover of yet another playoff debacle - and maybe questions about Manning's future as well as that of coach John Fox.

Manning, who joined the Broncos in 2012 after his release from Indy,

has gone one-and-done in the playoffs a record nine times in his otherwise stellar career, including twice in Denver, where he's 38-10 in the regular season, but just 2-3 in the playoffs.

Overall, he's 11-13 in the postseason and this was one of his worst playoff performances ever.

He never found a rhythm, constantly overthrew his receivers and finished 26 of 46 for 111 yards, one TD and no interceptions.

It wasn't the kind of

bounce-back the Broncos expected after watching Manning throw just three TD passes with six interceptions in December after Denver downshifted its high-octane offense.

Each of his three seasons in Denver has ended in humbling losses, to the Ravens and Colts at home after first-round byes and to Seattle in last year's Super Bowl.

These Broncos were better balanced with a grinding ground game and star-studded defense bolstered by John Elway's signings of Aqib Talib, DeMarcus Ware and T.J. Ward to a guaranteed \$60 million in free agency.

But none of them came up big Sunday and the Broncos were left to deal with yet another wrenching playoff loss.

Luck completed 27 of 43 passes for 265 yards with two TDs and two interceptions that were the equivalent of punts and no sacks. The Colts stretched a four-point halftime lead to 21-10 when Luck drove the Colts 72 yards in 11 plays, hitting Hakeem Nicks from 15 yards midway through the third quarter.

The Broncos finally got something going after their second interception of Luck, this one by Rahim Moore at the Denver 24.

On fourth-and-1 from the Colts 36, C.J. Anderson eluded three tacklers in the backfield as he spun and slashed his way for 7 yards. But once again, the Broncos stalled and had to settle for Connor Barth's 41-yard field goal that made it



21-13 with 13:50 remaining. The Broncos' pass rush couldn't get to Luck, who drove the Colts 54 yards in 13 plays, chewing up more than 8 minutes before Adam Vinatieri's 30-yard field goal made it 24-13 with four minutes remaining in the half-empty Sports Authority Field.

The 40-degree temperature at kickoff actually fell in Luck's favor - he's 5-1 in games 40 and cooler, while Manning is 12-14 in such situations.

Daniel Herron's 6-yard TD

run had tied it at 7 early in the second quarter after Manning's fade pass to Demaryius Thomas in the left corner of the end zone put Denver ahead 7-0.

Linebacker Jerrell Freeman recovered the loose ball after Jonathan Newsome's sack-strip of Manning at the Denver 41. Eight plays later, Luck hit tight end Dwayne Allen with a 3-yard strike to put the Colts ahead for good 14-7.

Vinatieri was wide right on a 44-yard field goal try with no wind, and just before halftime, rookie cornerback Bradley Roby intercepted Luck's ill-advised heave at midfield. That led to Barth's 45-yard field goal that cut Denver's deficit to 14-10 at the break.

But Denver's halftime adjustments failed and the Broncos went three-and-out to start the second half, then watched the Colts, whom they beat 31-24 here in the season opener, take control.

Manning was just 7 for 18 for 71 yards in the first half. After completing all three of his passes on Denver's first drive, including a 32-yarder to Julius Thomas and a 1-yard TD toss to Demaryius Thomas, Manning was just 4 for 15. That included seven overthrows and two drops by Demaryius Thomas on screens. □

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) throws as Denver Broncos defensive end Derek Wolfe (95) makes the hit during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Denver.
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"By rule he must hold onto it throughout entire process of contacting the ground," tweeted Dean Blandino, the league's director of officiating. "He didn't, so it is incomplete."

An impassioned Bryant didn't buy it. "All I know is I had possession, I had possession of the ball coming down," Bryant said. "That's possession, right? One, two, reach. Bam, that's possession."

Green Bay closed it out before a Lambeau-record 79,704 on Randall Cobb's diving 12-yard reception of a deflected pass on third-and-11. That gave Cobb eight catches for 116 yards and set off a raucous celebration at the iconic venue. "It's unbelievable," Cobb said. "For the ball to get tipped and magically appear in my area, you can't tell me there's not a God. That was a crazy play." One of many.

The Cowboys' first postseason trip to Green Bay since the 1967 Ice Bowl for the NFL championship resulted in their first road defeat of the season after eight victories. Dallas got 123 yards rushing from league leader DeMarco Murray and a courageous effort from Tony Romo, who hurt his



Green Bay Packers tight end Andrew Quarless celebrates a touchdown with fans during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Green Bay, Wis.

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left leg in the third quarter. That meant there were two hobbling quarterbacks. All-Pro Rodgers, bothered by a left calf he injured in Game 15, lost much of his trademark elusiveness as the game wore on.

"A little bit worse, yeah," Rodgers said of how his

calf felt as the game progressed. "Hard to say, see how it feels in the morning." Regardless, he was on-target for a short pass to Davante Adams that turned into the 41-yard score to make it 21-20. Then he sharply guided the Packers 80 yards to the winning

points, a 13-yard bullet to backup tight end Richard Rodgers in the back of the end zone. Murray atoned in style for a third-quarter fumble, gaining 32 yards on the Cowboys' ensuing possession, including a 29-yard sprint one play after Romo hurt his leg. The hobbling

Romo handed to Murray for the 1-yard plunge that made it 21-13, then limped to the bench for treatment on the leg.

When he came back in, Romo was sacked on consecutive plays, the first ending the third period, the second forcing a punt. □

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Washington Wizards' Paul Pierce, rear left, has his shot blocked by Atlanta Hawks' Al Horford, right, as teammate Jeff Teague helps on the play in the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Atlanta.

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NBA Capsules

Korver, Hawks rout Wizards for 8th straight victory

ATLANTA (AP) -- The streaking Atlanta Hawks made it look easy against the Washington Wizards. "At this point, I don't think we've played a better game," guard Kyle Korver said. "We had that 6-minute stretch in the second quarter, but otherwise that's about as good as we've done this year."

Korver scored 19 points and DeMarre Carroll added 16 to help the Eastern Conference-leading Hawks win their eighth straight game, 120-89 over Washington on Sunday.

Improving to 16-3 at home and 29-8 overall, the Hawks got 15 points from Al Horford and 11 each from Paul Millsap, Jeff Teague and Mike Scott. Teague finished with a game-high 10 assists.

Atlanta has won 13 of 14 and 22 of 24. It leads the

Eastern Conference this late in the season for the first time in 21 years.

Aggressively defending Washington from the opening tipoff, the Hawks kept the sellout crowd - their fourth in the last five home games - engaged throughout.

"This is my eighth year, and I've never seen us like this besides the playoffs," Horford said. "I feel like the fans are starting to come out, they're starting to believe and it's exciting to see. We have a good team and we need their support."

John Wall had 15 points for Washington and Nene added 14. The Wizards were outscored 33-12 in the fourth quarter. They won their previous three games, but allowed a season-high margin of victory for Atlanta.

Korver was 5 for 7 from

3-point range, improving his NBA-leading percentage to 50.2. His smoothest move, however, was a behind-the-back pass to Carroll for a layup and a 64-54 lead in the third.

"Well, I was thinking about trying to dunk it and then I saw John Wall," Korver said, smiling. "I've seen too many highlights of him getting blocks from behind. It's just one of those things where I was up in the air - it wasn't very long - but it was long enough to know I wasn't going to get the dunk."

The Wizards, who never led, pulled within two points on Wall's 20-footer with 5:46 left in the third quarter. They nearly rallied from a 20-point deficit by stepping in the Hawks' passing lanes, blocking their paths to the basket and limiting their offensive rebounds.

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AP source: Rex Ryan accepts offer to coach Buffalo Bills



In this Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014, file photo, New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan listens to a questions during a news conference following an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, New York (AP) — Rex Ryan is staying in the AFC East after reaching an agreement Sunday to coach the Buffalo Bills.

A person familiar with the talks told The Associated Press the former New York Jets coach accepted the Bills' contract offer after two days of discussions. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the Bills have not discussed their search to replace Doug Marrone, who stepped down abruptly Dec. 31.

The offer was made a day after the Bills identified Ryan as a finalist and met with him for a second time in South Florida, where new owners Terry and Kim Pegula live. Ryan was one of 12 candidates to interview for the job since last weekend.

At the same time, a second person familiar with talks told the AP the Bills are negotiating to hire Greg Roman as offensive coordinator.

Roman, a finalist for the Bills' coaching job, spent the past four years as the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator.

Roman's future is uncertain in San Francisco after coach Jim

Harbaugh left to coach Michigan.

This is the Bills' sixth coaching search since Wade Phillips was fired after the 2000 season and the first since the Pegulas bought the team from the estate of Hall of Fame owner Ralph Wilson in October.

The Bills went 9-7 to match their best record in a decade, but missed the playoffs to extend the NFL's longest active drought to 15 seasons.

Ryan is very familiar with the Bills after spending the past six seasons coaching the Jets, Buffalo's AFC East rival. He had a 50-52 record, including 4-2 in the playoffs, with the Jets before being fired along with general manager John Idzik following a 4-12 finish.

Ryan's father, Buddy, also had ties to Buffalo after spending 1961-65 as an assistant coach at the University at Buffalo.

Ryan's strength is defense, as it is with the Bills. Buffalo's defense finished fourth in the NFL in yards allowed last season and produced three Pro Bowl linemen.

It's unclear how Ryan's arrival would affect the status of Buffalo's current defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz, who completed

his first season with the Bills. Schwartz is the former Detroit Lions coach and was a candidate for the Bills' job.

Ryan's challenge in Buffalo would be similar to the one he had in New York — providing a spark to a sputtering offense. The Jets finished 22nd in yardage last season — four spots ahead of Buffalo.

Quarterbacks were concerns for both teams, involving two players drafted in 2013 draft.

The Jets faltered behind second-year starter Geno Smith, who was eventually benched and replaced by Michael Vick. In Buffalo, second-year starter EJ Manuel was benched after four games and replaced by 10-year journeyman Kyle Orton, who has since said he plans to retire.

Manuel has two years left on his contract and is the only experienced starter on the roster.

Bills players were already expressing their support for Ryan in posts made on their Twitter accounts.

"Love the hire!" center Eric Wood tweeted.

Rookie receiver, and former Clemson player, Sammy Watkins wrote, "Can't wait, gotta love REX RYAN," and then linked a photo Ryan

wearing a Clemson T-shirt and posing with several Tigers players.

Running back Fred Jackson wrote: "Excited about the hire of Rex!! Great coach to come in and keep us moving in the right direction!"

Roman is regarded as a good fit under Ryan, because the two share a similar run-first philosophy. Under Roman, the 49ers'

running attack ranked among the NFL's top 10 in each of the past four seasons.

He and the Pegulas also share Penn State ties. Terry Pegula attended Penn State and is a major supporter of its football and hockey programs. Roman was a candidate to become the school's football coach in each of its last two vacancies.



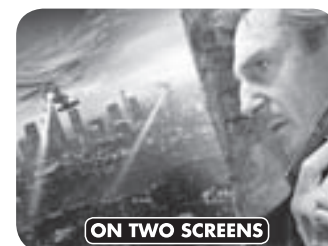
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Federer notches 1,000th match win, claims Brisbane title

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AP Sports Writer

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)

— Roger Federer turned the Brisbane International final into a grand occasion Sunday, beating the up-and-coming Milos Raonic in three see-sawing sets to register his 1,000th career match win.

It's a grand number for a 17-time Grand Slam champion, making him the only player after Jimmy Connors (1,253) and Ivan Lendl (1,071) to win 1,000 times on the men's professional tour.

"Clearly it's a special day for me, winning a title plus getting to the magic number of 1,000," Federer said after his 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-4 win against third-seeded Raonic. "It feels very different to any other match I've ever won. All those (milestone) numbers didn't mean anything to me, but for some reason 1,000 means a lot because it's such a huge number. Just alone to count to 1,000 is going to take a while."

Federer clearly wanted to reach the milestone before the Australian Open, breaking Raonic's serve in the third game and again in the opening game of the second set. He fired



Roger Federer of Switzerland holds the winner's trophy and pose for photos after he won his 1000th career title in the men's final match against Milos Raonic of Canada during the Brisbane International tennis tournament in Brisbane, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015.

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eight of his eventual 21 aces in the first set, taking on the big-serving Canadian's strength. Just as it appeared Federer would coast to a comfortable victory, though, Raonic shook off his nerves to break back in the fourth game of the second set and swing the momentum.

Federer had another half-chance to clinch it in two, getting an early mini-break in the tiebreaker, but Raonic went on a roll to win

seven straight points and level the match.

The 33-year-old Swiss star responded by serving an ace to open the third set, but he needed all his experience to save three break-point chances in that lengthy game.

Tension continued to build as Raonic was forced to save two break points in each of the fourth and sixth games, and missed two chances on Federer's serve in the fifth.

Only one point went against serve in the next three games until Raonic was serving to stay in the match. He was leading 30-15 when Federer produced a pin-point topspin lob that forced an error, and then came a double-fault — Raonic's first of the set and fourth of the match — to give Federer a championship point.

Raonic netted a forehand on the next point, and Federer raised his arms to ac-

knowledge the "Federer 1,000" placards and red-and-white Swiss flags being waved around Pat Rafter Arena.

"Looking back it's almost nicer winning this way through a tight match with nerves and humid conditions against a great player in a final," Federer said. "It means so much more than just running away with it. I guess I was much more happy having to go three sets in the end."

Raonic said he did everything he could but didn't quite have the answer to beat Federer for the second time in their eight head-to-heads. Still, he didn't mind being part of the big occasion.

"It's great to see because you know how much he's done for tennis. He turned pro I think it was like 10 years before me," Raonic said.

"It's great to see everything he's done for tennis. The fans he's brought, the media attention he's brought ... he's definitely the most popular tennis player of all time."

Ballboys held up 1,000 in big, white numerals near the net during the presentation ceremony, when Federer accepted mementos from Australian tennis greats Roy Emerson and Rod Laver: the Roy Emerson Trophy and, from Laver, a framed montage of images with the words "Congratulations Roger, 1,000 match wins."

"Special moment. I'm glad I got it," Federer said. "To get to 1,000 match wins in front of you guys ... it really means a lot to me. I'll never forget this match."

In a career of so many milestones, Federer welcomed another and was glad to get it done before the season-opening major. He hasn't added to his collection of Grand Slam titles since his 2012 Wimbledon triumph, but showed signs last year he's no spent force by finishing No. 2 in the rankings, helping Switzerland to its first Davis Cup crown and finishing the season with five titles and a 73-12 record.

Wawrinka beats Bedene in Chennai Open final

CHENNAI, India (AP) — Stan Wawrinka's preparations for the defense of his Australian Open title appear on track as he notched a comfortable 6-3, 6-4 victory over Slovenian qualifier Aljaz Bedene to win the Chennai Open on Sunday. It was the second consecutive title victory at Chennai and third overall for the top-seeded player, who did not drop a set in the tournament.

The Swiss played fluently, managing service breaks in the sixth game of the first set and the seventh of the next, completing the win in 1 hour, 10 minutes.

"I'm looking forward to the Australian Open," the fourth-ranked Wawrinka said. "It's going to be a strange feeling to come back as the defending champion in a Grand Slam. But right now, I want to enjoy this trophy. It's not every week you win a trophy and it's really tough to win on the ATP Tour."

Wawrinka said he was happy at the way he has been playing.

"It's amazing to win again, to start the year with a trophy. I'm very happy with my level. It was a great final. He (Bedene) has been through the qualifier, beat-

ing a lot of seeds and it's been good for him too," Wawrinka said.

Bedene, the first qualifier to reach the final at the Chennai Open after knocking out three seeded players, said his hard work had paid off.

"Stan played amazing today," the 156th-ranked Bedene said. "It's been a great week. I guess hard work has paid off for me. This is now my favorite tournament for three years and I'll be back here next year."

It was the third time the two players met at the Chennai



Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland holds the trophy after winning the men's singles final match in the ATP Chennai Open 2015 in Chennai, India, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015.

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Open with Bedene winning their quarterfinal match in 2013 and Wawrinka prevailing at the same stage last year.

Wearable sensors gather lots of data _ now to make it useful

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AP Technology Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It's not just about how many steps you've taken or how many calories you've burned in a day. Wearable fitness trackers and health monitors are becoming more commonplace and diverse, but just what do you do with all of that data?

"We have a lot of people buy wearables and then stop using them," said Paul Landau, president of Fitbug, a British maker of fitness trackers. Landau attended the International CES gadget show in Las Vegas last week, promoting a series of 12-week fitness coaching programs that offer detailed and custom recommendations for getting in shape. "If you want to help people," said Landau, "they've got to have more than just self-tracking."

Health monitors aren't just for fitness buffs. Startups and big tech companies at the gadget show promoted all kinds of uses for the data generated by wearable sensors — from mindfulness exercises to figuring out the best time to get pregnant. Other companies aim to offer value by aggregating data from different sources, so it can be viewed and interpreted together. That could be useful, but it also raises a host of privacy concerns.

TURNING DATA INTO AN EXPERIENCE

"A lot of wearables today are just throwing numbers at people. We're looking to synthesize that data and turn it into an experience," says Jason Fass of Zepp Labs, a Silicon Valley startup that makes a tiny, wearable motion sensor for tennis, baseball and golf enthusiasts.

Zepp has been selling sensors for a year, Fass said in an interview at CES, but he's hoping weekend athletes will see more value in Zepp's new smartphone app. It shows users an animated analysis of their swing, and lets them compare their moves with videos of pro athletes.

The trend goes beyond



This Jan. 4, 2015 file photo shows the Zepp sensor and application on display at CES Unveiled, a media preview event for CES International, in Las Vegas. The system shows users an animated analysis of their swing, and lets them compare their moves with videos of pro athletes.

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sports. A Canadian startup called InteraXon displayed a headset that can measure brain activity, by tracking electrical impulses. It connects to an app that provides mental exercises to relax or focus the mind, but founder Ariel Garten predicts the technology might be integrated with other services in the future — to automatically adjust a wearer's iTunes playlist, for example.

Other exhibitors showed wearable motion sensors designed for the elderly person who lives alone, keeping a record of daily activity and sending an alert to family members if, for example, the wearer falls, or isn't following his or her usual pattern of moving around the house.

Colorado-based Prima-Temp introduced a cervical ring containing an electronic sensor that's designed to track a woman's internal body temperature. It can send a smartphone alert to the woman — and her partner — when it's her optimum time to conceive a child.

Tiny sensors that can track activity and health data have been a fixture at CES in recent years. One in 10 Americans owns a fitness activity tracker — typical-



In this Jan. 7, 2015 file photo, Garmin's Vivofit 2 fitness tracker is on display at the Garmin booth at the International CES, in Las Vegas. The Gartner research firm estimates more than 70 million fitness activity trackers were sold worldwide last year.

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ly a wristband that measures things like heart rate, breathing and movement, according to the Consumer Electronics Association, which organizes the annual show. The Gartner research firm estimates more than 70 million such devices were sold worldwide last year. And that doesn't count more sophisticated wearables that can measure body temperature, glucose levels or other health indicators.

But as the novelty of these devices wears off, said CES chief economist Shawn DuBravac, consumers will become less interested in "what technologically can be done" and more focused on "what's techno-

logically meaningful."

GATHERING THE DATA IN ONE PLACE

Apple and Google have developed mobile device software that can gather health and fitness data from wearables and other sources, displaying it in ways that are easy for consumers and their doctors to interpret. Samsung and BlackBerry are also working on software to collect medical data.

Silicon Valley startup Bel-labeat makes several devices aimed at women, including a wearable activity tracker that looks like jewelry, a weight scale and a fetal heartbeat monitor for pregnancy. Instead of showing readings

on each device, they're designed to send information to a single smartphone app, "where you can see how your data is connected," said co-founder Urska Srsen.

"The future is going to be one where all your information is going to be in one place," said WebMD CEO David Schlanger.

Scientists from a South African company, LifeQ, were making the rounds at CES to promote their notion of using sophisticated algorithms to analyze data from a variety of wearable devices. LifeQ founder Riaan Conradie says his company can use "biomathematical modeling" to make meaningful health predictions, such as whether a person is at risk for a heart attack.

BUT WHO GETS TO SEE ALL THAT DATA?

The prospect of collecting and analyzing so much personal data — especially sensitive medical records — raises a host of privacy concerns. Consumer advocates worry the information could be used by insurance companies to deny coverage or raise rates. Speaking at CES last week, Federal Trade Commission chief Edith Ramirez warned tech companies against selling health information to data brokers, and urged them to guard against hackers.

Prima-Temp's Costantini said the information her company gathers on body temperatures and fertility might someday be analyzed for broader medical insights. But she said identities will always be shielded and all data is stored in compliance with federal confidentiality rules for health records.

Companies that collect health information can't operate in the same way as, say, online retailers who tell advertisers what kind of shoes you like to buy, said Samsung Electronics president Young Sohn.

"We can't just share that information like the marketing data you might get out of some e-commerce application," said Sohn. □

Your Money: Two Schools of Thought Find Success

TIM GRAY

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Growth and value styles of investing are often described as opposites, but managers of three of the better-performing funds of the fourth quarter of 2014 don't see it that way.

Instead, while they seek companies with steadily growing earnings, they also borrow an attribute from the playbook of Benjamin Graham, the father of

financial might, Schoenstein said. They also have "dominant market shares and pricing power," he said.

Consider Becton Dickinson, the fund's second-largest holding at the end of September. It makes syringes and other medical tools and tests and is expanding in the developing world.

The fund also looks only at companies with a market capitalization of at least \$1 billion. That requirement,

lead portfolio manager. They also invest in just a few stocks - 21 at the end of September - and trade infrequently.

Google recently represented about 8.5 percent of the fund. Polen owns Class A and C shares in the company. Davidowitz said he and his co-manager, Damon A. Ficklin, favored companies, like Google, that dominate their markets. Thus, the fund invests in both Visa and MasterCard. "In the U.S., about 50 percent of personal consumption expenditures are done on credit cards," Davidowitz said. "Globally, it's still 85 percent cash and checks," with the card share expected to grow. "That's a huge trend in their favor."

The fund returned 9.9 percent in the fourth quarter and has returned 16.5 percent, annualized, since its inception in September 2010. Its retail shares carry an expense ratio of 1.25 percent.

Favoring Small Industrials
Where Jensen Quality Growth and Polen Growth favor bigger, better-known companies, the managers of Janus Venture - Jonathan D. Coleman and Ma-

neesh J. Modi - focus on small-capitalization stocks. "We spend a lot of time thinking about barriers to entry," Coleman said. "That's really important in the small-cap world. Many of our companies can have competitors that are larger and better funded." Their pondering often leads them to the industrial sector; their fund has a larger stake in industrials than the typical small-cap offering tracked by Morningstar. They like the niche because they believe that industrial customers are more reluctant to shop around than retail ones, Coleman said. "Anything I buy in one store, I can get somewhere else," he said. "But if someone is supplying an aerospace component to Boeing, it's harder for Boeing to switch, and it's probably not going to switch for a 5 percent savings."



Eric Schoenstein, a portfolio manager of the Jensen Quality Growth fund, at his office in Lake Oswego, Ore., Jan. 5, 2015. Schoenstein says he rates promising investments based on steady return on equity, though another school of thought prefers companies primed for — but not yet exhibiting — more explosive growth.

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value investing and Warren E. Buffett's professor at Columbia Business School. That is, they aim to invest in companies with sustainable competitive advantages, like a well-known brand or a commanding position in a market, that will enable them to increase their earnings year after year.

A Return-on-Equity Test

Eric H. Schoenstein, a portfolio manager of the Jensen Quality Growth fund, said he and his colleagues identified promising companies based on return on equity, or ROE - which shows how much profit a company has generated with shareholders' investments. The fund will not invest unless a company has achieved an ROE of at least 15 percent for at least 10 consecutive years. Companies zipping along like that tend to combine competitive strength, capable management and fi-

with the ROE screen, limits the pool of candidates to about 200 companies, Schoenstein said. The managers then winnow further, building a portfolio of only 25 to 30 companies. In contrast, the average actively managed stock fund tracked by Morningstar holds about 150 stocks.

The fund returned 9.2 percent in the fourth quarter, compared with 4.9 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500 index. Over the five years through December, it returned 13.5 percent annualized, compared with 15.4 percent for the index. Its retail shares carry an expense ratio of 0.88 percent. The Hunt for Strength

The stewards of the Polen Growth fund approach investing in much the same way as the Jensen managers. They seek companies with growing earnings, sturdy financials and competitive advantages, said Daniel A. Davidowitz, the

Suddenly, the BRIC markets are on a shakier foundation

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Investing in rapidly developing economies is an inherently risky proposition. That is why more than a decade ago, investors embraced what seemed a prudent approach: focusing on the BRIC countries - Brazil, Russia, India and China - which have the largest and most liquid stock markets in the emerging-market world.

Late last year, though, the BRIC strategy hit a wall as a worrisome series of developments unfolded.

First, as the Chinese economy continued to decelerate, global growth expectations dropped, pushing down commodity prices. Then crude oil fell more than 40 percent in the fourth quarter, dropping below \$50 last week.

As a result, share values tumbled for mutual funds and exchange-traded funds that invest in markets closely dependent on oil and other commodities. The iShares MSCI Brazil Capped ETF, for instance, fell by about 15 percent in the fourth quarter, while the iShares MSCI Russia Capped ETF was down by more than 30 percent. That put pressure on BRIC-oriented funds in general, which sank 7 percent last year, more than double the loss experienced by the broader emerging markets.

"The heyday of the BRICs - that's over," said Arjun Jayaraman, head of quantitative research at Causeway Capital Management in Los Angeles.

Jayaraman said that back in the 2000s, the BRIC markets represented opportunities driven by the so-called commodity supercycle. That was when rapid growth in countries like China and India drove up demand for natural resources, turbocharging the fortunes of developing nations that were big exporters of raw materials. Among the winners were Russia and Latin America, including Brazil.

In general, strong growth shored up emerging-market currencies, improved the financial standing of developing nations and raised corporate profits in these regions. That virtuous cycle, though, has now morphed into a more vicious one.

For much of the past decade, the currencies of developing nations enjoyed relative strength, as these countries' economies were growing faster than those of the United States and Europe while also being less mired in debt. But as global economic risks have risen, investors have begun shifting out of emerging-market currencies and into the U.S. dollar.

Consider Russia, where it now takes twice as many rubles to buy \$1 as it did a year ago. Not only has this hurt Russian consumers, but it also forced the country's central bank to raise interest rates sharply last month, to 17 percent from 10.5 percent, to protect the currency.

If other central banks in the emerging-market world followed Russia's lead, the higher rates could further brake economies that were already slowing.

"We are entering a period of rising rates, so people need to gravitate toward the stronger currencies and countries that are running current-account and fiscal surpluses," said Jayaraman at Causeway, adding that he liked Taiwan and South Korea for that reason.

At the same time, he said investors should be careful with Russia, Turkey and possibly Brazil.

What are other economic signs to look for?

"You want to see a vibrant consumer that's benefiting from what's happening" in countries with strong finances and therefore relatively stable currencies, said Michael Kass, manager of the Baron Emerging Markets Fund. In addition to India, Kass cited the Philippines, South Korea and Taiwan as examples.

I Am Not Charlie Hebdo



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The journalists at Charlie Hebdo are now rightly being celebrated as martyrs on behalf of freedom of expression, but let's face it: If they had tried to publish their satirical newspaper on any American university campus over the last two decades it wouldn't have lasted 30 seconds. Student and faculty groups would have accused them of hate speech. The administration would have cut financing and shut them down.

Public reaction to the attack in Paris has revealed that there are a lot of people who are quick to lionize those who offend the views of Islamist terrorists in France but who are a lot less tolerant toward those who offend their own views at home.

Just look at all the people who have overreacted to campus micro-aggressions. The University of Illinois fired a professor who taught the Roman Catholic view on homosexuality. The University of Kansas suspended a professor for writing a harsh tweet against the NRA. Vanderbilt University derecognized a Christian group that insisted that it be led by Christians.

Americans may laud Charlie Hebdo for being brave enough to publish cartoons ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad, but, if Ayaan Hirsi Ali is invited to campus, there are often calls to deny her a podium.

So this might be a teachable moment. As we are mortified by the slaughter of those writers and editors in Paris, it's a good time to come up with a less hypocritical approach to our own controversial figures, provocateurs and satirists.

The first thing to say, I suppose, is that whatever you might have put on your Facebook page yesterday, it is inaccurate for most of us to claim, Je Suis Charlie Hebdo, or I Am Charlie Hebdo. Most of us don't actually engage in the sort of deliberately offensive humor that newspaper specializes in.

We might have started out that way. When you are 13, it seems daring and provocative to "épater la bourgeoisie," to stick a finger in the eye of authority, to ridicule other people's religious beliefs.

But after a while that seems puerile. Most of us move toward more complicated views of reality and more forgiving views of others. (Ridicule becomes less fun as you become more aware

of your own frequent ridiculousness.) Most of us do try to show a modicum of respect for people of different creeds and faiths. We do try to open conversations with listening rather than insult.

Yet, at the same time, most of us know that provocateurs and other outlandish figures serve useful public roles. Satirists and ridiculers expose our weakness and vanity when we are feeling proud. They puncture the self-puffery of the successful. They level social inequality by bringing the mighty low. When they are effective they help us address our foibles communally, since laughter is one of the ultimate bonding experiences.

Moreover, provocateurs and ridiculers expose the stupidity of the fundamentalists. Fundamentalists are people who take everything literally. They are incapable of multiple viewpoints. They are incapable of seeing that while their religion may be worthy of the deepest reverence, it is also true that most religions are kind of weird. Satirists expose those who are incapable of laughing at themselves and teach the rest of us that we probably should.

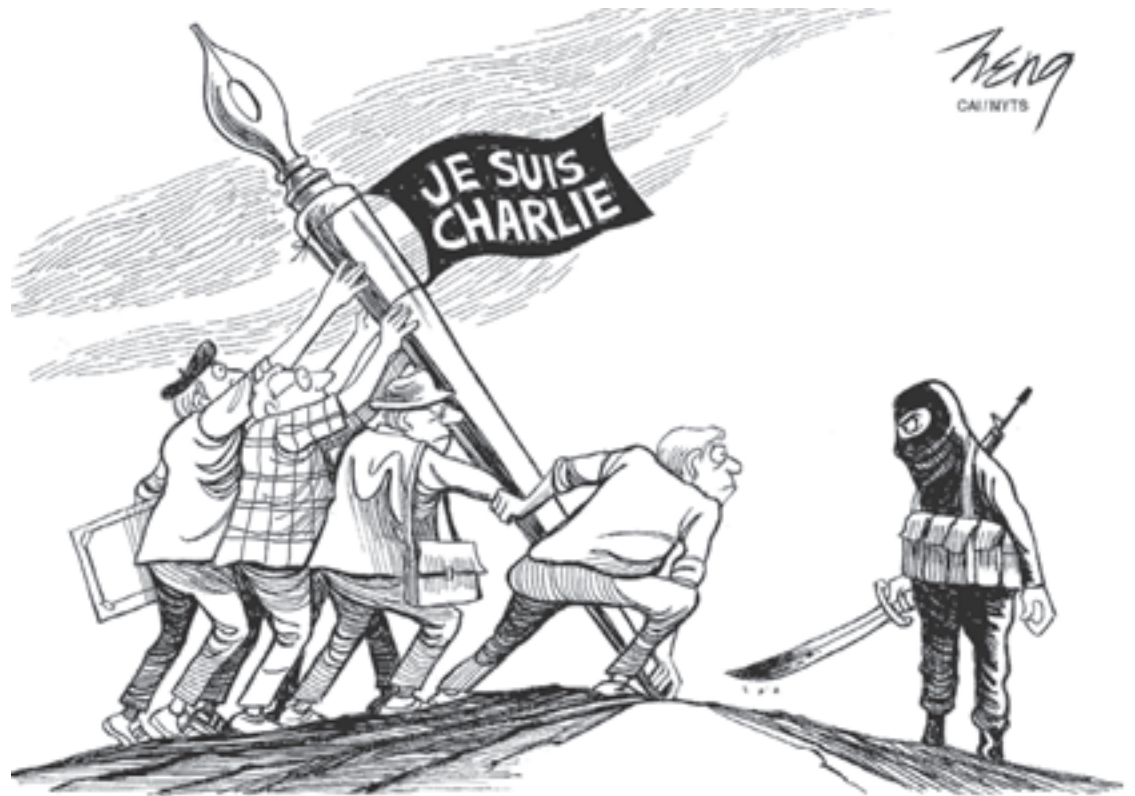
In short, in thinking about provocateurs and insulters, we want to maintain standards of civility and respect while at the same time allowing room for those creative and challenging folks who are uninhibited by good manners and taste.

If you try to pull off this delicate balance with law, speech codes and banned speakers, you'll end up with crude censorship and a strangled conversation. It's almost always wrong to try to suppress speech, erect speech codes and disinvite speakers.

Fortunately, social manners are more malleable and supple than laws and codes. Most societies have successfully maintained standards of civility and respect while keeping open avenues for those who are funny, uncivil and offensive.

In most societies, there's the adults' table and there's the kids' table. The people who read *Le Monde* or the establishment organs are at the adults' table. The jesters, the holy fools and people like Ann Coulter and Bill Maher are at the kids' table. They're not granted complete respectability, but they are heard because in their unguided missile manner, they sometimes say necessary things that no one else is saying. Healthy societies, in other words, don't suppress speech, but they do grant different standing to different sorts of people. Wise and considerate scholars are heard with high respect. Satirists are heard with bemused semirespect. Racists and anti-Semites are heard through a filter of opprobrium and disrespect. People who want to be heard attentively have to earn it through their conduct.

The massacre at Charlie Hebdo should be an occasion to end speech codes. And it should remind us to be legally tolerant toward offensive voices, even as we are socially discriminating.



Voodoo Time Machine



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Many of us in the econ biz were wondering how the new leaders of Congress would respond to the sharp increase in American economic growth that, we now know, began last spring. After years of insisting that President Barack Obama is responsible for a weak economy, they couldn't say the truth - that short-run economic performance has very little to do with who holds the White House. So what would they say?

Well, I didn't see that one coming: They're claiming credit. Never mind the fact that all of the good data refer to a period before the midterm elections. Mitch McConnell, the new Senate majority leader, says that he did it, that growth reflected "the expectation of a new Republican Congress."

The response of the Democratic National Committee - "Hahahaha" - seems appropriate. I mean, talk about voodoo economics: McConnell is claiming not just that he can create prosperity without, you know, actually passing any legislation, but that he can reach back in time and create prosperity before even taking power. But while McConnell's self-aggrandizement is funny, it's also scary, because it's a symptom of his party's epistemic closure. Republicans know many things that aren't so, and no amount of contrary evidence

will get them to change their minds.

At least McConnell didn't do what many of his colleagues have done when faced with inconvenient facts: resort to conspiracy theories.

Consider, for example, how some Republicans dealt with good news about health reform. Before Obamacare went into effect, they overwhelmingly insisted that it would be a disaster, that more people would lose insurance than would gain it. They were, of course, delighted by the technical problems that initially crippled the program's website. But those problems were fixed, and enrollment soared.

Their response? "They are cooking the books," declared Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming, who now leads the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

But that was then. At this point we have multiple independent confirmations - most recently from Gallup - that Obamacare has dramatically expanded insurance coverage. So what do they say now? The law "will collapse under its own weight," says Rep. Paul Ryan, the new chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Speaking of Ryan: Almost four years have passed since he and many others in his party lambasted Ben Bernanke, then the chairman of the Federal Reserve, for policies that they claimed would lead to high inflation and "debase the dollar."

The inflation never materialized, and the dollar proceeded to strengthen, but Ryan gave no sign of having been chastened - and many conservatives, including favorite intellectuals like Niall Ferguson of Harvard, became "inflation truthers," insisting that the government is hiding price rises.

Oh, and Europe - whose central bank, unlike the Fed under Bernanke's leadership, took those inflation warnings to heart and raised interest rates in 2011 - is now experiencing outright defla-

tion, with terrifying implications for its economic and political outlook.

Then there's climate change. It appears that 2014 was the hottest year yet, which should close the door on silly claims that global warming has stopped. But it won't matter to Sen. James Inhofe, who now leads a crucial environmental committee and has long insisted that all the science in this field is a liberal hoax. Now, everyone makes predictions that turn out to have been wrong; it's a complicated world out there, and nobody's perfect. The point, however, is that Congress is now controlled by men who never acknowledge error, let alone learn from their mistakes.

In some cases, they may not even know that they were wrong. After all, conservative news media are not exactly known for their balanced coverage; if your picture of how health reform is working is based on Fox News, you probably have a sense that it has been a vast disaster, even though the reality is one of success that has surprised even the law's supporters.

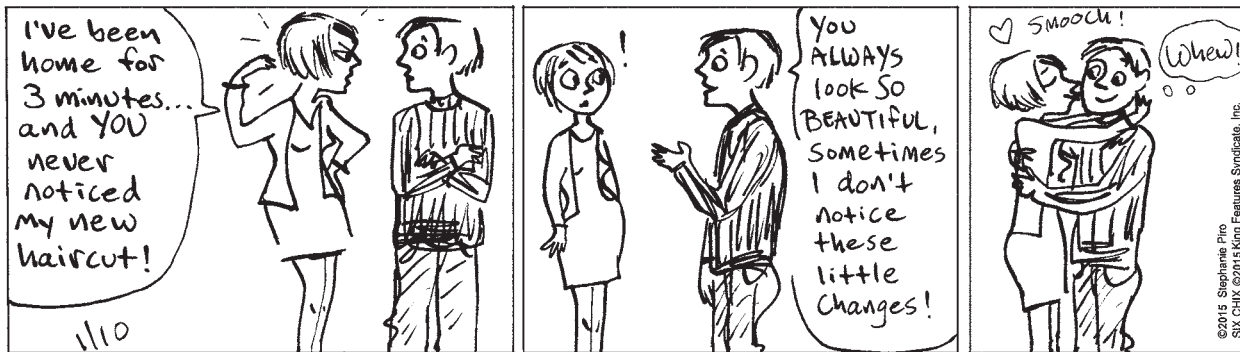
The main point, however, is that we're looking at a political subculture in which ideological tenets are simply not to be questioned, no matter what. Supply-side economics is valid no matter what actually happens to the economy, guaranteed health insurance must be a failure even if it's working, and anyone who points out the troubling facts is ipso facto an enemy.

And we're not talking about marginal figures. You sometimes hear claims that the old-fashioned Republican establishment is making a comeback, that Tea Party extremists are on the run and we can get back to bipartisan cooperation. But that is a fantasy. We can't have meaningful cooperation when we can't agree on reality, when even establishment figures in the Republican Party essentially believe that facts have a liberal bias.

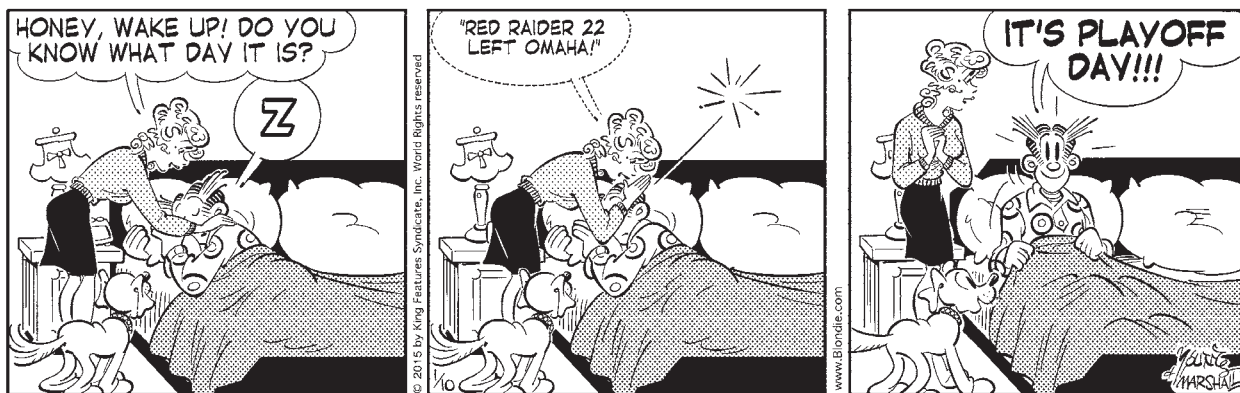
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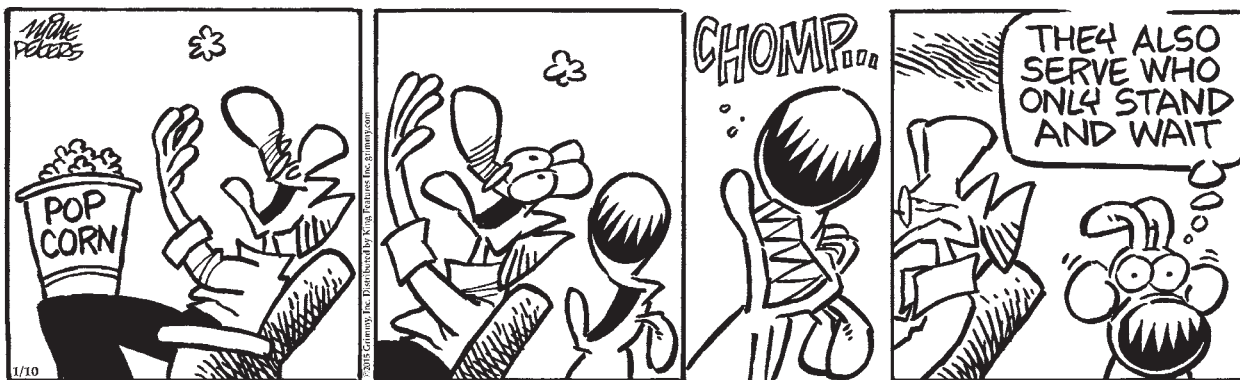
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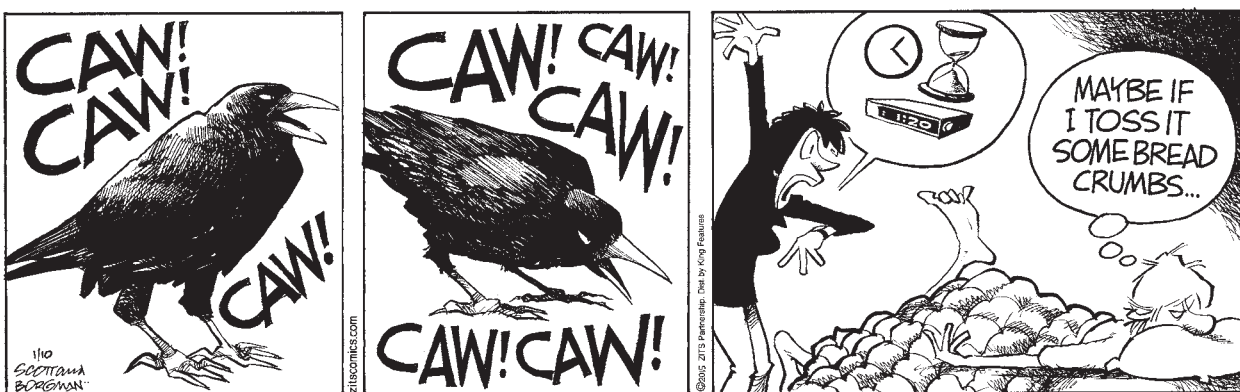
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8	5	3	7	9	1	6	2	4

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- "Be quiet!"
- Become bloated
- "... the night before Christmas..."
- Nut
- Spooky
- Vagabond
- Days of ...; yesteryear
- Hits the ceiling
- Songbird
- Unsafe
- Tallies up
- Convent dwellers
- ...shattering; way too loud
- Crafty plan
- Winnipeg's province
- Forest
- Minaret
- Mai tai ingredient
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- Kept for later
- Epiphany visitors
- Singer Tillis
- Reigned
- Convinces
- Séance leaders
- Signs of life in the wrist
- Go bad
- Orange rind
- Opposite of "Giddyap!"
- 20th-century U.S. president
- Purse, hat or belt
- Periodontist's concern
- Public uprising
- Cry like a lamb
- Dog's comment
- Shaping tool
- Open a blister surgically
- Wise man
- Look searchingly
- Go in
- Get ... of; shed

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- Heaven above
- Parka feature
- Israeli dance

- Fraternity letter
- Takes to court
- Moon surface depression
- Bother
- Tranquillity
- "It's a ___"; director's cry
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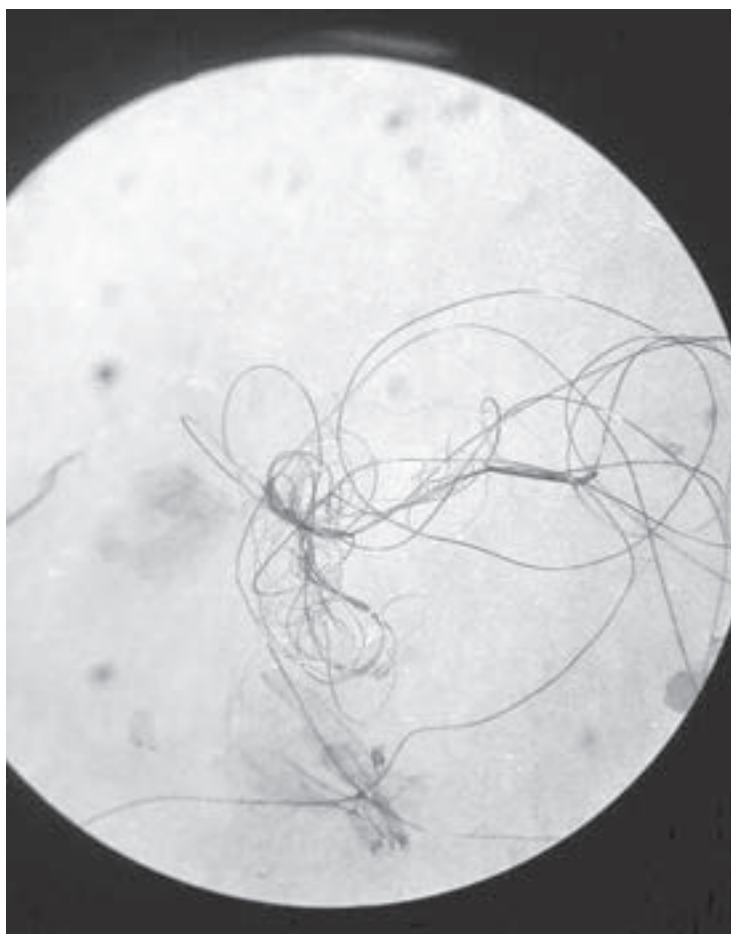
Scientists: Great Lakes teeming with tiny plastic fibers

By **JOHN FLESHER**
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TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)

-- Scientists who have reported that the Great Lakes are awash in tiny bits of plastic are raising new alarms about a little-noticed form of the debris turning up in sampling nets: synthetic fibers from garments, cleaning cloths and other consumer products. They are known as "microfibers" - exceedingly fine filaments made of petroleum-based materials such as polyester and nylon that are woven together into fabrics.

"When we launder our clothes, some of the little microfibers will break off and go down the drain to the wastewater treatment facility and end up in our bodies of water," Sherri "Sam" Mason, a chemist with the State University of New York at Fredonia, said Friday.

The fibers are so minuscule that people typically don't realize their favorite pullover fleece can shed thousands of them with



In this July 28, 2014 photo provided by Rachel Ricotta are microfibers, exceedingly fine plastic fibers, that were taken from inside the body of a Great Lakes fish.

Associated Press

every washing, as the journal Environmental Science & Technology reported in 2011.

Over the past couple of years, Mason and colleagues have documented the existence of mi-

croplastic litter - some too small to see with the naked eye - in the Great Lakes. Among the particles are abrasive beads used in personal care products such as facial and body washes and toothpastes. Other researchers have made similar finds in the oceans.

A number of companies are replacing microbeads with natural substances such as ground-up fruit pits. Illinois imposed a statewide ban on microbeads last year. Similar measures were proposed in California and New York.

But microfibers have gotten comparatively little attention. They've accounted for about 4 percent of the plastic litter that Mason and her students have collected from the Great Lakes. The group drags finely meshed netting along the lake surfaces, harvesting tens of thousands of particles per square mile, and study them with microscopes.

About three-quarters of the bits they've found are fragments of larger items such

as bottles. Smaller portions consist of microbeads, Styrofoam and other materials.

But when Mason's team and a group from the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant program took samples from southern Lake Michigan in 2013, about 12 percent of the debris consisted of microfibers.

It's unclear why the fibers were three times as prevalent in that area as elsewhere in the lakes, although currents and wave actions may be one explanation, said Laura Kammin, pollution prevention specialist with Sea Grant.

Ominously, the fibers seem to be getting stuck inside fish in ways that other microplastics aren't. Microbeads and fragments that fish eat typically pass through their bodies and are excreted. But fibers are becoming enmeshed in gastrointestinal tracts of some fish. Mason and her students have examined. They also found fibers inside a double-crested cormorant, a fish-eating bird.

Nissan, NASA to work on autonomous car technology



In this July 26, 2012 file photo, men walk in front of the logo of Nissan Motor Co. at its global headquarters in Yokohama near Tokyo. Associated Press

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TOKYO (AP) Japanese

automaker Nissan and NASA are teaming up to advance the technology

behind cars that drive autonomously.

Yokohama-based Nissan Motor Co. and NASA's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, California, announced Thursday a five-year research-and-development partnership for autonomous vehicle systems so they can eventually be applied to commercially sold cars.

Nissan is excited about the potential of self-driving cars, which executives say could lead to improved safety, a pillar for future autos along with low

emission technology.

NASA researchers will be working with Nissan's research unit in Silicon Valley, they said in a joint statement.

The maker of the Leaf electric car and Infiniti luxury models aims to introduce autonomous driving technology to consumers between 2016 and 2020. Ames developed the Mars rover software and robots onboard the International Space Station.

"The partnership brings together the best and brightest of NASA and

Nissan and validates our investments in Silicon Valley," said Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn.

The safety technology in the works includes cars that know through sensors they are about to collide and will brake automatically, even if the driver doesn't do a thing. There are also cars that can park themselves.

At its most sophisticated, the technology could replace human drivers altogether, though there are many hurdles to that being put into practice on roads.

Social media has positives, pitfalls for actors, producers

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PASADENA, California (AP)

— Social media is giving television stars and creators a more direct relationship with fans and, as actor Joseph Morgan of the CW's "The Originals" can attest, requires a thick skin. The connection can be particularly intense for shows on the CW, which has a comparatively young audience and shows with a heavy geek factor of comic book heroes, vampires and zombies. Fans don't hesitate to speak out about what they do or don't like on their favorite programs. "There are always people who feel strongly that they don't like something that happens," Morgan, who plays Niklaus Mikaelson in "The Vampire Diaries" spinoff, said at a television conference on Sunday. "You have to accept that

that's a good thing — as long as people are feeling one way or another."

The online response makes him feel like he's involved in the biggest play he's ever been in, said Ian Somerhalder, who plays Damon Salvatore in "The Vampire Diaries."

Caroline Dries, executive producer of "The Vampire Diaries," said her studio encourages producers and actors to live tweet when episodes of the show are airing. She's resisted so far — she finds it "annoying" — but does watch what people are saying. The danger can come in listening too much. Do you try to write the show in response to what you think fans want to see?

"The fans are so polarized in what they are rooting for that to appease all of them the show would be gobbledygook," Dries said.

"It wouldn't make any sense."

Dries' Twitter following is almost entirely composed of show fans. She takes the feedback like any human would — pride when something she's written draws praise, hurt feelings when it's the opposite.

Actors and producers are warned against getting into online arguments with fans, although they don't always succeed. Michael Narducci, executive producer of "The Originals," found himself getting into a heated back-and-forth with a 16-year-old.

He said he was responding to someone who suggested that one of the show's characters be killed off.

"Our fans are so passionate," he said. "I want them to be passionate, but it hurts my feelings when they are insulting to the actors. They're my friends,



Joseph Morgan speaks during the "The Vampire Diaries" and "The Originals" panel at The CW 2015 Winter TCA on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, in Pasadena, Calif.

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and I want to support them. I'm not going to kill off a character just because someone on Twitter says that I should."

As a network executive, the only negative that CW President Mark Pedowitz sees is when some fans become obsessed by a

performer and become an online pest.

"On the whole, you want your talent and executive producers out there engaging with the fans," Pedowitz said, "because they make your shows. They are the consumers."

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'Taken 3' topples 'Hobbit' reign at box office

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — After three weeks atop the box office, "The Hobbit" has been taken down by Liam Neeson.

"Taken 3" nabbed the top spot at the weekend box office in North America with \$40.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The third installment of the 20th Century Fox thriller series stars Neeson as a vengeance-seeking retired CIA operative with "a very particular set of skills." The original "Taken," which also features Maggie Grace and Famke Janssen, debuted in 2009 with \$24.7 million, while "Taken 2" launched in 2012 with \$49.5 million. "Taken 3" also



This photo released by 20th Century Fox shows Liam Neeson as Bryan Mills in a scene from the film, "Taken 3."



In this Sept. 26, 2014, file photo, Lenny Kravitz performs on stage at the iTunes festival at Camden Roundhouse in London.

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Katy Perry to team with Lenny Kravitz at Super Bowl

The Associated Press Katy Perry will team with Lenny Kravitz at the Super Bowl. Perry said Saturday on NBC's Baltimore-New England telecast that Kravitz will join her for the halftime show at the Sunday, Feb. 1 game in Glendale, Arizona. Perry has dominated

the Billboard charts since releasing her debut in 2008, including 10 No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. She's currently on her Prismatic World Tour. Kravitz has sold more than 38 million albums worldwide and has several Grammys to his credit. □

earned \$41 million in 36 international territories this weekend.

"For Neeson to be at this stage in his career and be considered one of the premier action heroes is certainly unexpected, but it's really cool and lucrative," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at box-office tracker Rentrak. "I don't think Neeson expected back in '09 that 'Taken' would take off the way it has. It's really enhanced his box-office appeal."

"The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies" slid to fourth place with \$9.4 million following three straight weeks in first place. The total domestic take for filmmaker Peter Jackson's Middle-earth finale now stands at \$236.5 million.

"The Hobbit" also earned \$21.8 million internationally this weekend, pushing the worldwide total to \$545.3 million.

"Into the Woods" milked \$9.7 million in third place in its third week at the box office, bringing the total haul of Disney's Broadway musical adaptation to \$105.3 million.

With the Golden Globes kicking off Sunday night and Academy Awards nominations looming Thursday morning, several trophy seekers expanded into more theaters this weekend.

Paramount's civil rights drama "Selma" moved from 22 to 2,179 theaters, arriving in second place behind "Taken 3" with \$11.2 million. The film chronicles the historic 54-mile (87-kilo-

meter) march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and stars David Oyelowo as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"With the Globes tonight, no matter what happens, there's nothing better than having your clips running and people having conversations about your movie because it creates a big awareness," said Megan Colligan, Paramount's president of worldwide distribution. "Then, we have Martin Luther King weekend next weekend. I think we're in great shape to just play and play and play."

Other possible awards-season hopefuls that moved into more theaters this weekend included the Louis Zamperini World War II survival biopic "Unbroken," the Alan Turing code-breaking biopic "The Imitation Game" and filmmaker Paul Thomas Anderson's trippy mystery "Inherent Vice." "There are a lot of titles out there in the mix," Dergarabedian said. "It's all about timing with these awards-season contenders. With the Globes tonight and the Academy Award nominations Thursday, it's no accident they're expanding. It's completely calculated, but it's sort of anyone's game to win because there are so many great contenders."

"American Sniper," directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Bradley Cooper as Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, bagged \$555,000 from just four theaters. Warner Bros. plans to greatly expand the Iraq war drama's scope on Friday. □

Seth Meyers to host NFL awards show

NEW YORK (AP) -- NBC's Seth Meyers will host "NFL Honors," the Super Bowl eve telecast in which the league introduces the new Pro Football Hall of Fame class and hands out awards for the 2014 season, including The Associated Press MVP.

The former "Saturday Night Live" player and current late-night TV host takes over for Alec Baldwin, who

hosted the first four shows. "NFL Honors" will be held at Symphony Hall in downtown Phoenix on Jan. 31, a night before the Super Bowl kicks off in nearby

Glendale. The AP will hand out awards for coach of the year, offensive and defensive players and rookies, comeback player, and assistant coach. □

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